

*Parastictis suspecta* Hbn., *Acronicta ahli* L. ab. *steinerti* Casp., *A. menyanthidis* Esp., *Mormo maura* L., *Apamea oblonga* Haw., *A. scolopacina* Esp., *A. ophiogramma* Esp., *Stilbia anomala* Haw., *Plusia festucae* L., *P. putnami* Grote ssp. *gracilis* Lempke (more common than *P. festucae*), *Autographa bractea* D. & S. (Guisborough, two; Hutton, W. Yorks, one. 1983). — P. WATERTON, 'Brackenhill', Belmangate, Guisborough, Cleveland TS14 7BB.

LATE SIGHTINGS OF THE COMMA AND PEACOCK BUTTERFLIES IN E. KENT IN 1984. — I noticed a very fresh Comma (*Polygonia c-album* L.) on October 20 flying near Whitstable, and was able to approach to within a few inches of the butterfly as it alighted on the sea-wall. This is the latest date I can recall seeing this butterfly.

On November 9, a Peacock (*Inachis io* L.) flew around the roof top here before alighting on the open door of our shed, where it basked for a while in the weak November sun. Then, entering the shed and inspecting the interior for about 10 minutes, especially an area close to an old chest of drawers, it finally settled down inside the shed against one of the sides, having apparently chosen its winter quarters. — J. PLATTS, 11 Maydowns Road, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent.

LABIA MINOR L. (DERM.) IN E. LONDON. — This local insect, the Small Earwig, though often common where it occurs, has come under my notice probably less than half-a-dozen times in the course of many years' beetle hunting. I have no data for the above area, but never met with it there until last year, when it was present in some quantity in a mixture of dry horse-manure and straw at Mudchute Farm, Isle of Dogs, Greenwich, 18.v.84 (just north of the Thames). It was accompanied by the beetle *Anthicus formicarius* Goeze (= *quisquilius* Thoms.) also in some numbers. *L. minor* is mostly found in conditions such as this, but I once took several by evening sweeping in a lane at Cheshunt, Herts. (viii.44); and Mr. D. Collins had one fly to his house lights at Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, two years ago. These two occurrences indicate a crepuscular habit which I believe is well known in the species. — A. A. ALLEN.

EVERGESTIS EXTIMALIS SCOP. AND SITOCHROA PALEALIS D. & S. (LEP.: PYRALIDAE) IN HAMPSHIRE IN 1984. — In Hampshire, 1984 does not seem to have been a very good year for unusual appearances, so I was very pleased to find a single specimen of *Evergestis extimalis* Scop. on 12th Aug. 1984 and two specimens of *Sitochroa palealis* D. & S., one on 19th. July and the other on 31st July 1984, all in my garden MV trap in Winchester VC 11. There are no published records of these Pyralids from mainland Hampshire for 22 and 30 years respectively. Both of these species come into the category of migrants which sometimes form temporary colonies and no doubt analysis of all migrant records for 1984 will show in due course whether these specimens were likely